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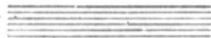
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MINUTES OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Chickasaw County Baptist Association convened with Shiloh Baptist Church in its fifth annual session Thursday, October 9th, 1924.

The Association was called to order by J. S. Price.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Tully, who read as a lesson part of the 1st chapter of Acts.

A call of the churches was made and representatives were reported as follows:

Okolona—Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Mrs. W. C. Chandler, Mrs. W. O. Lawrence, Mrs. Nell Fowler, Rev. W. O. Blount and W. T. Quinn; alternates, Mrs. R. A. Hawkins, J. S. Price, E. Usher and L. R. Howell.

Houston—Rev. W. C. Stewart, J. H. Ford, W. A. Hamilton, D. F. Hamilton, F. W. Byars, T. A. Ward, Mrs. M. H. Thornton, Mrs. W. C. Stewart, Mrs. B. M. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Mrs. W. A. Dendy and Mrs. F. W. Byars.

Arbor Grove—W. P. Doss, J. M. Pumphrey, Mrs. Alex Trenor and Miss Minnie Lee Davis.

Houlka—L. A. Turner, Mrs. J. A. Shields, W. A. Patterson, W. J. Stacy, J. O. Harwood; alternates, Miss Obee Turner, Miss Louise Kirby, and Mrs. A. R. Schuh.

Mt. Olive—J. B. Sullivan, A. M. McGhee, J. W. Sullivan and J. J. Hill; alternate, R. L. Corley.

Parkersburg—Baron Neal, Otha Foster; alternate, Miss Bettie Mae Neal.

Center Hill—J. F. Beaty, Mrs. Era Beaty, Mrs. Elna Ray; alternate, W. M. Helms.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. M. L. Lancaster, M. L. Lancaster, D. C. Robertson and N. A. Jennings; alternate, Olen Streeter.

Shiloh—Mrs. Alice Chestman, Mrs. Lillie Savely, Miss Nora Pannell and H. H. Davis.

Providence—Hugh Caradine, Mrs. S. L. Allen, J. H. Couch and Lee Autrey; alternate, Mrs. J. H. Couch.

Sparta—Tim Bennett, Newt Davis and Willie Murah; alternates, sisters L. T. Davis and Hannah Clark.

Van Vleet—Miss Leah Harris, Miss. Ray Neal, W. J. Davis, Mrs. Sadie Davis, and R. L. Ashby.
Egypt—Rev. D. W. Nix, J. T. Lyon, Mrs. L. C. Cain and J. A. King.

Bethel—W. J. Gordon, W. S. Dendy, Mrs. W. S. Dendy, J. H. Lyles and Mrs. J. H. Lyles; Alternate, T. A. House.

The Association was then organized by electing officers as follows: J. S. Price, moderator; W. T. Quinn, clerk; and Harrison H. Davis, treasurer.

On motion the Associational Sermon was deferred until the evening session and the eleven o'clock hour given to Rev. T. W. Green.

The Pastor and Deacons of Shiloh church were appointed as a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. W. O. Blount, Rev. J. F. Tully and W. T. Quinn were appointed as a Committee on Program.

Rev. Green was introduced by the Moderator and delivered a most interesting and instructive talk—subject: "The Mind of Christ."

The Moderator announced the following committees: Foreign Missions—Rev. H. M. Collins, J. H. Ford and J. J. Hill.

Home Missions—Rev. W. C. Stewart, J. B. Sullivan and Joe Hamilton.

State Missions—Rev. W. C. Ballard, L. R. Howell and J. M. Pumphrey.

Digest of Letters—Rev. W. C. Ballard, J. H. Couch and W. A. Harrington.

B. Y. P. U.—Rev. D. W. Nix, T. A. Ward and J. O. Harwood.

Adjourned until 1:30.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at 1:30. After singing and prayer, the business of the session was resumed. The Committee on Program reported as follows:

Report of Program Committee

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 to 1:45—Devotional

1:45 to 2:00—W. M. U. Report

2:00 to 2:45—Miss Slaughter

2:45 to 4:00—Missions

State—W. C. Ballard

Home—W. C. Stewart

Foreign—J. H. Ford

4:00 to 4:15—Miscellaneous

THURSDAY EVENING

7:15—Sermon by W. C. Ballard

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00 to 10:15—Devotional

10:15 to 10:30—Reports on

Christian Education—W. O. Blount

Sunday Schools—J. H. Ford

B. Y. P. U.—D. W. Nix

10:30 to 11:00—Discussion of above reports

11:00 to 11:30—Reading of Social Service reports

Hospitals—J. F. Tully

Orphanages—W. J. Stacy

11:30 to 12:00—Discussion of above reports

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 to 1:45—Devotional

1:45 to 2:30—Digest of Letters

2:30 to Adjourn—Report of Committees and Miscellaneous

W. O. Blount, Chairman; J. F. Tully, W. T. Quinn

The W. M. U. asked the advice of the Association relative to holding their meeting a week in advance of the associational session.

The report of the W. M. U. was read by Mrs. R. W. Chandler as follows:

W. M. U. Report

We feel that our Woman's Work is a very important part of the work of the Association. As our work reaches out to the individual churches, developing the women and young people along three distinctive lines—Mission Study, Stewardship and Personal Service.

We are thankful for the progress of the work for this past year. We have 6 Woman's Missionary Societies and several

organizations of young people; but on account of the absence of the young people's leader, we are unable to give the report.

Our women are working on the finishing up of the 75-Million Campaign, and we believe will pay up in full.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Supt.

Mrs. Chandler yielded the floor to Miss Mamie Slaughter who discussed the W. M. U. work in a general way. The report was adopted as read.

The Moderator introduced to the Association Rev. W. C. Stewart, pastor of Houston Church, and Rev. D. W. Nix, pastor of Egypt Church.

The reports on Missions were called for. The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. C. Stewart. The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. H. Ford in place of Rev. H. M. Collins who was not present. The report of State Missions was deferred for the time being.

Report on Home Missions

The Board refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last few years in Home Mission endeavor, especially during the five-year period of the 75 Million Campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annals. A study of the Board's annual report for these five years reveals a record of great achievements. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a heavy debt that has rested on the Board for 4 years past, God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of the missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been held in various fields and thousands have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years we have been laboring and laying foundations, are coming to self-support and in turn are having a part in our great denominational work. Enlargement is called for from every direction. The calls are many and heart-searching from weak churches needing help and destitute fields needing missionaries in the countryside and in our growing towns and cities.

Changing conditions in the industrial world, the migration of the Negroes by hundreds of thousands to the North, the test

of our civilization by the creeping in of insidious error in our schools and colleges, all these call for the leavening power of the gospel. Who that reads the daily papers can deny that that there is throughout our land a deplorable attitude on the part of multitudes of people with respect to law and government. The gospel is the pure corrective for all these things and our Home Mission Board furnishes for Southern Baptists a great Southwide agency for giving the gospel in its purity and power.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdensome debt and consequent retrenchment in its forces, presents a wonderful outlook for the future. So marvelous has been God's favors upon our people in the past few years, and especially during the five-year Campaign, that we are able by virtue of our forces and resources to seize the present situation and make Southern Baptist the greatest single religious force in the South and throughout our nation. The South constitutes the nursery, the training ground, the granary, the source of supplies, indeed, for our conquest in all lands. If we fail here we fail everywhere! If we succeed here we can succeed everywhere! May God help our people in this great day of opportunity with high resolve to meet the issues worthily and hasten the coming of His Kingdom throughout the earth!

The following is a brief summary of some features of the Board's work for the last five years: Sermons and addresses, 802,382; prayer meetings, 101,075; religious visits, 1,238,210; baptisms, 203,532; total additions to churches, 324,086; workers conferences held, 4,667; volunteers for christian service, 15,049; church houses built or improved, 2,225; Sunday Schools organized, 3,186; copies of Scriptures given, 55,533; pages tracts distributed, 35,812,479.

The 75 Million Campaign closes with December 1924 and it has been stated that if we raise the full 75 Million Dollars and Home Missions receives its due proportion we can pay off all of Board's debt and be ready for an aggressive work for the future. God is calling for the best that is in us, and is expecting great things shall we disappoint Him? Let each of us do our best between now and December so that the Lord's cause will not suffer. If we have already paid our pledge let's help someone else, we will be blessed by so doing. Let us pray,

brethren, that the Lord will enlarge our vision and give us a will to win.

Submitted,

The Committee,

W. C. Stewart, Chairman; J. B. Sullivan, J. M. Hamilton.

Report on Foreign Missions

In response to the Moderator's request to prepare a report on Foreign Missions your committee begs leave to submit the following as argument for Foreign Missions in particular.

To emphasize one phase of mission work at the expense of another is superficial in thought, subversive in practice, and suicidal in results.

Foreign Mission work is characterized by heroic sacrifice which takes one away from the home-land and loved ones and identifies him with another, foreign in tongue, customs, ideals, and blood, that he might come to know the riches of God's love.

The genius of our religion is essentially missionary. Only as we seek to expand and reach out to the uttermost part of the earth, do we understand the commandments of Jesus Christ, and appreciate the salvation that through His blood has been provided.

Appeals for men and money with which to inaugurate and maintain missionary activity should not be based wholly, nor even greatly, on the appalling needs of the peoples beyond the pale of Christian privilege. But rather the appeal should be made on the basis of the Savior's sacrifice for the race and His commands that we should make known the wonders of His Cross and the triumphs of His Resurrection to those who have not come under the beneficent sway of His Kingdom. Giving because He gave, going because He went; sacrificing because He emptied Himself, accepting hardships because He was made to be sin for us, toiling ceaselessly because He went about doing good, yea even to die because He laid down His life for us. These are some of the reasons why every redeemed child of God should be a missionary in spirit, heroic in service, and sacrificial in giving.

The summary of our Foreign Mission Work is contained in the following leaflet.

A brief glance at the statistics of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention brings a most inspiring assurance over the success of our foreign mission cause.

We have in our foreign mission fields 1,095 churches, in which are enrolled 111,872 members. This is one-twenty-seventh as many churches as are in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one-thirtieth as many members. Three hundred and eight of our churches abroad, or about one-third, are self-supporting. This shows a gain of 97 over the year before, or an increase of self-supporting churches of almost 50 per cent in one year.

We sent out 54 new missionaries during the year, bringing the total of our foreign missionaries up to 544. After deducting losses we made a net gain of 43. This gain is enheartening, but is far below the number which should have been sent. We need to send this year 229 others.

The native working force now numbers 2,494. The building up of this native working force is of the gravest moment. We need many foreign missionaries now, and in the future the call will perhaps be even more insistent, yet we cannot depend upon missionaries sent from America to do the major work of preaching to any country. The final evangelization of every land must be done through native workers.

We have had an encouraging year in our Foreign Mission Schools. Never have students flocked in such numbers; never have so many been accepted; never such large numbers turned away. We have 860 schools of all grades, in which were enrolled 35,106 students. This number is about the same as the number of students in all our Baptist schools in the Southland. Twenty of these schools are kindergartens; five are colleges, the majority are of the lower primary and middle school grades. Thirteen are normal and training schools. The crown of all, of course is the Bible and Theological Schools which now number seventeen, in which schools are being trained 416 young preachers. While these schools are all rendering a great service in the general uplift of the people, our chief interest in them lies in the fact that through them we turn many to Christ, and train these students to more effective Christian service. Our schools are tremendous evangelizing agencies. In many sections the far

larger number who are baptized into the churches are won in the school. If the school is needed here in the homeland for the development of our denominational life, for the provision of a capable ministry, they are infinitely more necessary for the same objects in foreign lands.

We have medical work in three countries—China, Africa and Mexico. We have among our foreign missionary force sixteen male and three female physicians and seven trained nurses. There are nineteen native physicians and 29 native nurses. There are 23 buildings of all descriptions in our nine hospital plants. In these are room for 796 beds. In these hospitals were treated last year 6,299 patients. The patients outside of the hospitals were 70,415. The total treatments given reached the amazing number of 294,422.

We have Publishing Houses organized in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy, and embryonic publishing interests in all the other fields. These publishing plants brought out books, tracts, Bibles, Testaments, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies, Sunday School Leaflets, denominational papers in vast quantities. 84,944,180 pages of literature were distributed. The silent, but none the less effective workings of the printed page, are not every time manifest, but we have many instances of the triumphant achievements of the Gospel sent forth in printed form. Many individuals have been converted through this means; many a home, which was otherwise closed to the missionary has been opened through the Gospel tract or a Testament. We have a number of churches that have been organized as a result of someone having read the Word of God from the printed page.

Thus our work abroad presses forward with the favor of God upon it. Southern Baptists rejoice in it, yet they are not supporting it as they ought and can. The Board has been compelled to halt in its great program right at the time when it could press the work most advantageously.

In May 1923 the Board reported a debt of \$403,000. In spite of the severest economies this debt grew by May, 1924 to \$711,000. When appropriations were made for 1924 over \$1,600,000 in requests from the fields were denied. The Board was able to appropriate for 1924 only for current expenses. It

allowed nothing for building and equipment. At its meeting in June 1924 the Board decided not to send out new missionaries this year, except in a few instances where the salary and expenses have been especially provided. This means that practically all new equipment, and new missionaries were cut off from the foreign fields this year. What this lack of help will mean to the cause no one can estimate.

The situation is distressing. The only hope for remedy for it is in the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. If these pledges are paid we can take care of the work.

We call upon our churches to rally with heroic sacrifice to the completion of the 75 Million Campaign task.

We recommend that each and every pastor see that the churches to which he preaches be reminded and informed of their campaign promises and given an urgent opportunity to pay and give according to Jno. 3:16.

2nd. That our churches all concur in the unified program for 1925 to the fullest of our ability according to I. Cor. 16:2.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Collins, Chairman; J. J. Hill, J. H. Ford.

The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by Rev. W. C. Stewart, J. H. Ford and Rev. T. W. Green. Reports adopted as read.

By unanimous consent the B. Y. P. U. Report was taken up out of time and read and discussed by Rev. D. W. Nix and adopted as follows:

B. Y. P. U. Report

The committee submits the following report on B. Y. P. U. work.

The number of unions has increased from 700 to 925 since the last Association. It is believed also that the number will reach 1000 by November the first. This is a remarkable growth and should give us courage to press on. The idea of organizing the training department as thoroughly as any other department of the church has led to the general organization of the B. Y. P. U. which gives five general officers and three committees at the general meeting of all unions in a church, to last fifteen minutes of the weekly meeting, at which time reports from each union

are given with short special programs of not more than fifteen minutes. This ties the various departments of the B. Y. P. U. together and tends to emphasize the relation of the training department to the church. The library offer has caused a goodly number of unions to be organized. A large number of our young people are studying our B. Y. P. U. methods.

No county in the state has a brighter outlook for the work of the Baptist young people than that of Chickasaw. For the B. Y. P. U. work is making rapid progress, and no county has a more zealous, energetic, intellectual, refined and cultured class of young people. We feel proud of them. All they need is a chance to develop themselves, and there is no other organization which affords a greater opportunity for development in christian activities.

The B. Y. P. U. furnishes, in the main, three lines of development, namely: First, Social. It is an evident fact that young people must have some kind of amusement. If they can not have wholesome amusements, they will seek other kinds in questionable places. Thus we see that entertainment is essential to the development of our young people. Since this is true let us, the Baptists of Chickasaw county, plan good, wholesome amusements for them, something that is harmless and yet consistent with the highest good. Can we do it? To be sure we can by getting behind our B. Y. P. U. work and pushing it to the front. Let us support it with our heads, hearts and hands. May we ask the Baptists of Chickasaw county this question: "Where would you rather see your girl in a dance hall or in a B. Y. P. U. social? Where would you rather see your boy in a pool room or at a B. Y. P. U. social?" Of course none of you would be so unthoughtful as to say you would rather see your boys and girls at these other places for their recreation. Then if we prefer seeing them doing the things that will train them for usefulness let us support the B. Y. P. U. with our presence, purse and prayers.

The second line of development furnished by the B. Y. P. U. is the intellectual. A regular systematic Bible reader's course, if properly followed, will form a habit of daily Bible reading. Are we going to deny our young people the privilege to form such useful habits? No, we can not afford to. Watch

the boy or girl who is a regular attendant of the B. Y. P. U. They are always able and willing to speak intelligently when called upon. When one is called upon to teach a Sunday school class he or she is always ready to respond instead of doing as untrained boys and girls often shrink from doing.

The third line of development is religious. Talk with any of our missionaries and you will find that at least 80 per cent of them were once members of Unions. They caught the vision of service and proved themselves. They saw by their experiences in the work that they could develop themselves into a state of efficiency, and when God called them they were ready to respond. In the study of missions in the B. Y. P. U. we are brought into direct contact with the critical conditions of our neighboring countries, and we know that their supreme need is Christ, we can but have a desire to carry the gospel to them.

We are indeed grateful to God that our church work has grown to the extent that it is no longer a clerk, deacon and preacher affair but a world wide evangelistic work which requires not only the latter but men, women, boys and girls. Everybody is included—rich, poor, small and great. It is the writer's opinion that the world is waking up to the fact that God's work is a business and requires men and women of the highest type and ability to carry it on. What does Paul say in 2nd Timothy? Study to show thyself approved unto God and workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Can we, the Baptists of Chickasaw county, afford for our part of this wonderful work to lag? Indeed we can not without doing hurt to ourselves. We have as good material as the world affords, therefore we can not afford to be second to any. Let us put our B. Y. P. U. on the A1 basis and give to our young people the very best opportunities that can be had.

Let us recognize our God given task in regard to our young people and press forward in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Nix, Chairman.

The Moderator announced committee appointments as follows:

Committee on Resolutions—J. H. Ford, E. Usher and Rev. J. F. Tully.

Committee on Necrology—J. B. Sullivan, J. J. Hill and D. M. McGhee.

Committee of Christian Education—Rev. W. O. Blount, J. F. Beaty and M. L. Lancaster.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. H. Ford, Joe Hamilton and Hugh Caradine.

Committee on Orphanage—W. J. Stacy, W. A. Harrington and R. L. Ashby.

Committee on Hospitals—Rev. J. F. Tully, J. M. Pumphrey and J. T. Lyon.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. W. C. Ballard will preach this evening at 7:15 and that Rev. D. W. Nix will conduct the devotional exercises Friday morning.

THURSDAY--EVENING SESSION

Rev. W. C. Ballard preached the Associational Sermon—subject: "Prayer."

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY--MORNING SESSION

The Association convened pursuant to order of adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. W. Nix.

Minutes of previous sessions were read, corrected and adopted.

By unanimous consent the report of State Missions was read by Rev. D. W. Nix in place of Rev. W. C. Ballard who was busy with another report. Discussed by Rev. D. W. Nix. Adopted as read.

State Missions

To the Chickasaw County Baptist Association:
Your Committee on State Missions beg to make the following report, to-wit:

State Mission work is that kind of mission work done within the state. It is called State Mission work to differentiate

it from mission work done beyond our state borders, and withal to separate it from work done by the local church within the state.

We should not magnify one kind of mission more than the other. Missions is missions the world over. Missions in the various departments is essentially cooperative. That of Foreign Missions strengthens and gives life to State and Home Missions and vice versa. However, really the foundation of all mission must be found in State Mission, the smallest general group undertaking this great work on any efficient scale.

Mississippi State Missions as an enterprise is fraught with an inspiring history. The heroes of the early days when the Gospel was planted in the state wrought better than calculated then. State Missions has made wonderful progress in the last century. One hundred years ago we had in the state 55 churches, today we have 1600; 36 preachers, today we have 600; 1000 members, today we have 200,000, we gave \$2773.00 to all missions, last year we gave \$850,000.00.

The State Board has adopted a budget of \$700,000 of which \$350,000 is for State Missions. State Missions will receive 32 per cent or \$112,000; Christian Education, 52 per cent or \$182,000; Hospital at Jackson, 8 per cent or \$28,000; Tri-State Hospital, Memphis, 2 per cent or \$7,000; Orphanage 6 per cent or \$21,000. Chickasaw Association is one of 78 in the state. We gave, as an association, last year to missions \$3,594.85.

In this crisis may it not be allowed that the splendid record of our forbears shall challenge our best and most heroic effort?

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Ballard, Chairman; L. R. Howell.

The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. W. O. Blount as follows:

Report on Christian Education

One of the most vital questions that this or any other association can consider is the question of Christian Education. We offer no word of criticism for the State Schools. As State Schools, fostered by public funds, they make no pretense of or preparation for caring for the spiritual life of their students.

during what is perhaps the most vitally plastic period of their lives. Their aim is to educate the mind and they must of necessity draw the line there.

It is for this reason that our denomination has founded its Schools and Colleges. And in these Schools it is the aim to produce well rounded men and women, developod along spiritual as well as mental lines, ready to face life and its problems with character reinforced by the best teaching that can be procured.

In days agone there might have been a problem as to the choice between State and Denominational Schools. The State Schools, backed by the State's vast wealth and resources, could furnish equipment and standards of scholarship that the Denominational Schools could not meet. In late years this has not been the case. In our own State we have at present four Baptist Schools and Colleges located as follows; Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg; Clark Memorial College, Newton. Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain. The total value of these plants is \$1,500,000. There are 1300 students enrolled, of whom 100 are candidates for the ministry and 25 are volunteers for other forms of Christian service. Mississippi College is already a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, thus giving it a full standing with the best of other Colleges and Schools. Both Blue Mountain College and Mississippi Woman's College have been placed on the Second List of Schools and Colleges, thus giving their graduates the privilege of teaching in any of our high schools in the country. Clark College with its new \$50,000 building is fast pushing to the front.

For these Schools we covet the heartiest support of the brotherhood. At present there is need for \$375,000 during the year 1925. \$100,000 of this amount is needed for permanent improvements, \$50,000 for maintenance, and \$225,000 for endowment. Let us, realizing the far-reaching good that is being done by our schools, give to them liberally of our prayers, our means, and our children. And in return they will heap upon us and upon our great state their harvest of hearts and lives prepared to serve God and their fellows until His King-

dom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Blount, Chairman.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. H. Ford as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

We, your committee appointed to report on Sunday Schools, submit the following report;

From information given out by the Sunday School Department of the State, the work of the Sunday Schools in the State is encouraging. The substance of that information is as follows:

Number of Sunday Schools in the State.....	1,301
Number organized within the past year	144
Number enrolled in Sunday Schools	120,146
Increase in enrollment within the past year	24,296
Number of awards within the past year	4,167
Number of blue seals	116
Number of red seals	336
Number of Diplomas given out	1,227

The first requisite of a Sunday School is pupils—somebody to be taught. Every person in the community should regularly attend some Sunday School so far as may be possible.

The second requisite of a successful Sunday School is a sufficient number of competent and trained teachers. The splendid training course given by the Sunday School Board and the manner in which it is availed of especially by the younger members of our Denomination fill us with hope for a great future for this department of the Church work.

From all reports the work of the Sunday Schools within this Association is not all it should be. We need more trained teachers, more organized classes and a greater attendance. A majority of the churches have no Sunday School at all the greater part of the year. With improved roads the churches maintaining a Sunday School should increase.

The Sunday School Department in addition to its Secretary, Assistant Secretary and worker among the primaries as heretofore reported, has two regular Secretaries employed for doing

work among the country churches and Sunday Schools. These brethren are Wyatte Hunter and H. E. Spell. They are both graduates of Mississippi College and are well qualified for the work for which they have been chosen. It is to be hoped that the churches will avail themselves of the assistance of these workers, and that the number of Sunday Schools and the regular attendance in those already existing in this Association may greatly increase during the incoming Associational year. We feel that this is a matter of much importance to the work of the Kingdom in our county.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Ford, Chairman; J. M. Hamilton.

The reports of Christian Education and Sunday Schools were discussed by Rev. W. O. Blount, J. H. Ford and Rev. W. C. Stewart, and adopted as read.

Rev. J. F. Tully read the report on Hospitals as follows:

Report on Hospitals

We, your Committee on Hospitals, submit the following report, to-wit:

The activities and needs of the Baptist Hospital are as follows:

The number of patients treated from August 1923 to August 1924 was 1,850, of these 188 were charity patients. The cost of running the Hospital for this period was \$66,175.64 the cost of treating charity patients being \$6,245.55. The value of the Hospital and Nurses Home is \$225,000.00 with an indebtedness of \$51,063.40 not including interest. The capacity is 75 beds, 3 operating rooms and 3 X-Ray machines. There are 26 Physicians and Surgeons on the Staff, while the nurses in training number 28. Equipment is needed for the Hospital, dressing tables and rocking chairs for 36 rooms. \$2,000.00 is needed for grading and putting brick or cement wall around property.

The services being rendered by our Hospital in Memphis continues to grow. For the first six months of 1924 patients admitted numbered 5941, which is at the rate of more than 1000 over the admissions last year. Tennessee furnished 4100. Mis-

Mississippi 919; Arkansas 606 and others 316. In religious affiliation, 1524 were Baptists; 1382 Methodists; 545 Presbyterians; 240 Episcopalians; 244 Christians; 190 Catholics; 280 Jewish; 60 of other faiths; 706 not recorded and 770 none.

There were 266 births in the six months.

The Hospital cared for 737 cases in its charity wards. Tennessee sent 410 of these; Mississippi 168; Arkansas 109; and other states 50. A large volume of service was rendered to pastors and their dependents. The Hospital is glad to render this service and it seems to be very much appreciated.

The cost of operating the Hospital amounted to \$191,245.55 for the six months. Of this \$63,126.96 was expended in the charity work done. The laundry handles 5600 pieces per day and on an average of 2100 meals are served each day.

On January first Mr. George D. Sheats who had been with the Hospital for eight years took charge as Superintendent. Everything has moved forward in a most satisfactory way and many improvements have been made under his management.

As in all the years since the opening of the Hospital, on the 12th of July twelve years ago, the Woman's Auxiliary is still rendering most valuable and appreciated help. Just now they are serving the lunch each month for the doctors in the clinic, which the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Association has elected to hold in our Hospital. This is a very much appreciated help for the Hospital management.

The graduating class in the Training School this year was the largest to date, numbering 35. New pupils are being admitted from time to time and the school extends a cordial welcome to well qualified, earnest young women who wish to enter the noble profession of the trained nurse.

The religious activities in the Hospital are kept up regularly. The daily services of the pastor among the patients, the devotional service at roll call each morning, the Monday evening prayer meeting, the Home Department Sunday School Class the Volunteer Band and the Grace McBride Mission circle of some 60 members. Several of our volunteers stand accepted by the Foreign Board. The Grace McBride Circle renders each month an interesting mission program.

The bonded indebtedness of the Hospital stands today at \$210,000.00. The expectation is that Baptists will meet their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign and so put into the hands of the Hospital the funds for the discharge of this obligation.

The field of usefulness for the Hospital is constantly widening and the Hospital is faithfully endeavoring to measure up to its opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Tully, Chairman; J. Pumphrey.

The report on Orphanage was read by W. J. Stacy as follows:

Report of Orphanage

The efforts put forth by Baptist people in saving and educating orphan children are the most effective for Christian citizens and for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. We should always be ready and willing to lend every assistance in forwarding this great work. We consider this one of the greatest institutions of our denomination. It makes good citizens of children that might never prove their worth without the training they get here.

We have cared for 170 children this year. Their health has been good. We have had no deaths and a very few cases of sickness.

Our crop has been greatly damaged by dry weather, and our finances are short. We have borrowed \$2,000.00, and unless the brethren come to our aid we are likely to have to borrow two or three thousand dollars more.

Applications continue to come in and it looks now that we will run to full capacity next year.

The Superintendent's home is near completion, and estimated to cost around \$10,000.00. This will add greatly to the Orphanage property. Fortunately we had the money laid aside for this building. Having done a great deal of the work ourselves, it will cost much less than expected.

Brethren, this is a cause which should touch every heart and purse of our Baptist people. As Baptists of the State of Mississippi, I appeal to you to do your best for the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Stacy, Chairman.

On motion the discussion on these reports was deferred until the afternoon session.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together at 1:30 by singing. Devotional services by Rev. W. C. Stewart.

The reports on Hospitals and Orphanage were discussed by Rev. J. F. Tully and W. J. Stacy, and adopted as read.

The Digest of Letters was read by Rev. W. C. Ballard. The report was corrected and adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Minute Fund

Center Hill.....	\$ 1.50
Parkersburg.....	1.15
Pleasant Ridge.....	3.20
Houlka.....	10.00
Mt. Olive.....	4.55
Arbor Grove.....	2.10
Van Vleet.....	3.00
McCondy.....	4.00
Woodland.....	2.00
Egypt.....	4.50
Shiloh.....	3.00
Okolona.....	10.00
Houston.....	5.00

Other Funds

Parkersburg, 75 Million.....	\$6.00
Arbor Grove, Missions.....	7.55
Shiloh, Missions.....	5.00

H. H. Davis, Treasurer

The Treasurer reported \$13.65 not assigned. On motion this was added to the Minute Fund.

The report on Necrology was read and adopted as follows:

Report on Necrology

We, your committee on Necrology, find that death has

claimed eighteen of our number since we last met together. The reported dead are as follows:

Okolona—Mrs. Bettie Poore, Miss Pauline Frazee, Mrs. Lydia Hodges, Mrs. J. W. Williams, J. L. Lyon, E. Deavenport, and Mrs. Emma Waller.

Pleasant Ridge—B. R. Ray.

Shiloh—Pearl Callums.

Houlka—Rosie Harris and Maude Callums.

Center Hill—Mrs. Nancy Seay, Mrs. Mattie Linley and S. J. Castle.

Arbor Grove—Mrs. Jessie Brooks.

Houston—W. C. Armstrong, Pearl Armstrong and Mrs. Jas. T. Blair.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

We recommend time for Association for 1925, Thursday and Friday after first Monday in October: Place, Arbor Grove Church.

Preacher of Associational Sermon—Rev. W. C. Stewart, Houston.

Member of State Convention Board—Rev. W. O. Blount, Okolona.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. D. W. Nix, Egypt.

Associational Messenger to State Baptist Convention—E. Usher, Okolona.

Members of Executive Board—W. J. Stacy, Houlka; J. F. Tully, Troy; W. C. Stewart, Houston; E. Usher, Okolona; Lee White, Woodland.

Program Committee—Rev. W. O. Blount, Rev. W. C. Stewart and Rev. W. C. Ballard.

We suggest that, if the ladies of the W. M. U. do not object, that they hold their business meeting on the second day of the Association.

Resolved that the heartiest thanks and appreciation of the delegates and representatives composing the Chickasaw County Baptist Association be extended to Shiloh church and community.

for the splendid entertainment given during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Ford, Chairman; E. Usher, J. F. Tully.

The Moderator called attention to Section 9 of the Association, which provides for the appointment of a competent Historian and Statistician, whose duty it shall be to gather such data as may be reliable as to the history of the churches within our bounds from their organization, together with the life and labors of the pioneer preachers who so nobly labored in planting the cause of Christ. On motion the Moderator was instructed to make the appointment provided for. He immediately announced the appointment of W. T. Quinn, the present clerk, as such Historian.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Ballard, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. J. S. Price, moderator of the Association, as a token of the appreciation of the body for the very capable manner in which he had directed the business of the session.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned until the next session in course.

J. S. PRICE,
Moderator.

W. T. QUINN,
Clerk.

The Woman's Missionary Union Meeting

The Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met with church of Shiloh Oct. 9th, by call to order of Mrs. R. W. Chandler, superintendent. Singing of the "Woman's Hymn."

The meeting was held under the beautiful oaks.

Miss Mamie Slaughter, our field worker, led the devotional; subject, "Our Alabaster Box" in place of Mrs. Lon Quinn, of Egypt, who was absent.

Welcome address, Mrs. Ira Cole: Response; Mrs. Cliff Chandler.

Superintendent's Report, Mrs. R. W. Chandler.

Secretary's Report, Mrs. Price.

Roll call of the different churches and reports read of the

following: Shiloh church, 5 present; Houlka church, 7 present; Okolona church, 12 present; Houston church, 4 present; McCordy church, 2 present.

Committees appointed by Superintendent:

Nominations—Mrs. Mattie Thornton, Mrs. Cliff Chandler.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. C. Beasley Mrs. W. T. Quinn, Miss Carrie Lee Harris.

Closed with prayer. Went to Church for the Associational Sermon. Lunch.

Thursday afternoon—After Singing Miss Lackey's song, "Duty Done, Victory Won," Miss Harris, of Houlka, led the devotional.

Report of Mt Olive read and was a credit to our new Society of three members.

We found we now have a W. M. S. at Woodland. So we now have 7 W. M. S's in Chickasaw county, counting the one at Shiloh, organized while we were with them—Mrs. Ira Cole, Pres.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following officers for the year:—Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Houston, Superintendent; Mrs. J. S. Price, Okolona, Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Walker, Houston, Personal Service, Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Okolona, Mission Study Leader; Mrs. I. D. Stacy, Houlka, Stewardship Leader; Mrs. Ed. DeMerville, Egypt, Young People's Leader.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. J. C. Beasley and adopted as follows:

We, the members of the Courtesy Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

To the members of Shiloh Church:

We wish to thank you for the invitation to hold this meeting with you. The associations and good fellowship of this session will be an inspiration for us to greater efforts in carrying on the Master's work.

For each act of courtesy, for the bountiful lunch and the hearty cooperation, we thank you.

The Committee.

Miss Slaughter gave us a Campaign reminder.

Mrs. R. W. Chandler gave announcements about our Baptist publications and insisted on everybody subscribing for Royal Service, World Comrades and Baptist Record.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Beasley.



Digest of Letters

CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLEKKS & P. O.	Pastor's Salary	Meetings	Day	Baptized	Total Memb'rs	S. S. Enrolled	B. Y. P. U. En	Contributions to Orphanage	Contributions W. M. U.	Home Purpose Contributions	2,824,298 Million	Campaign	Total Contributions	Value of Church Prop.
Arbor Grove..	J. F. Tully, Troy.....	Minnie Lee Davis, Houston	\$100	4	13	124										
Bethel.....	M. C. Putman, Calhoun C	Miss Thelma Lyles "	150	3	2	162	89					34 00	21 40			2000 00
Buena Vista..	T. H. Winter, Algoma.....	W. M. Helms, Van Vleet	100	3	5	43	31						32 86			1000 00
Center Hill..	D. W. Nin, Egypt	J. A. King, Egypt	240	4		39	60					69 70	182 00			1000 00
Egypt.....	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	J. O. Harwood Houlika...	750		5	186	142					62 77			361 37	800 00
Houlka	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	E. M. Sullivan, Okolona..	150	1	16	95	87	27	46 00			964 00	251 85			10000 00
Mt. Olive	W. O. Blount, Okolona...	Mrs. S. L. Allen, McCondy	150	3		129	56		14 00	129 75		200 94	118 00		454 70	1500 00
Providence...		J. S. Price, Okolona	2700	all	3	294	139					222 20	310 00			500 00
Okolona	M. C. Putman, Colhoun C	Jennie Bennett.....	75		4	74	35			1790 79	15141 77	1444 93	17588 91			30000 00
Sparta.....	P. Townsend, West Point	D. D. Dendy, Woodland...	100	4	5	196						105 50				
Pleasant Ridge	J. F. Tully, Troy	Other Foster, Houston....	100		2	64							24 75			900 00
Parkersburk...	W. C. Stewart, Houston...	W. R. Pannell, Troy.....	75	3	6	112							6 00			1000 00
Shiloh.....	H. M. Collins, Van Vleet	W. A. Wilkinson, Houston	2200	10	223	161						47 75	5 00			1250 00
Houston.....		R. L. Ashby, Van Vleet..	200	1	62	60				118 10	7264 00	427 50				15000 00
Van Vleet....											18 00					2000 00

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